

**CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND ROLL CALL**

Mayor Pro Tempore Brett Wittner called the study session to order at 6:00 P.M. and led the pledge of allegiance. Councilmembers Shannon Reynolds, Joe Barrentine, Denny Waltier, and Jamie Nixon were present. Mayor Hunter George and Councilmember David M. Viafore were absent and excused.

**AGENDA MODIFICATIONS**

There were none.

**RENTAL POLICY DISCUSSION**

Parks & Recreation Director Grover presented an overview of the proposed rental policy and highlighted that some of the languages in the draft will be amended or deleted for the final version. There were discussions held on beta testing the new recreation software, RecDesk, before the launch to the public and the timeline to start accepting rental bookings. Grover reported that the RecDesk program is ready to go and the staff will be sending out beta testing information within the next week to receive feedback on ease of use and overall impressions.

Grover briefed the Council on the rates and rental policies for our party room, pavilion, and other various rentals. Grover noted that the difference between resident and nonresident is roughly 30%, both groups would be charged a deposit, There was a discussion on prioritizing residents for fee structure and availability of rentals and not allowing alcohol while the pool is in use.. City Manager Pingel provided an update that due to the City receiving State funds, we cannot be open to residents only. There was Council consensus to bring back the resident / nonresident discussion to a future study session. Wittner invited public comments and the following individual provided public comment.

- Yolonda Brooks, 6464 19<sup>th</sup> Street W #C, commented that the language regarding not allowing political or religious activities should be deleted.  
Mayor Pro Tem Wittner explained that Director Grover highlighted at the beginning of the meeting that the language was to be deleted from the final draft.

**SPRING PROGRAMMING DISCUSSION**

Parks & Recreation Director Grover presented an overview of the Phase II guidelines set forth by the State and highlighted the requirements to having a baseball season. Grover reported that the staff intends to open the season registration on March 8, 2021, and will need to finalize the refund policy before opening registration.

Councilmember Viafore joined the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Discussions included the importance of youth sports, requiring vaccinations in the future, and the block wall project at the Tot Lot. A legal opinion was requested as to the City's ability to require vaccinations for youth sports. City Attorney Mike Smith will address the legal opinion at the next Regular City Council meeting.

Lastly, the Council discussed taking down the barricades around the Fircrest Park play structure and leaving the Tot Lot closed. There was consensus to open the play structure at Fircrest Park.

**ADJOURNMENT**

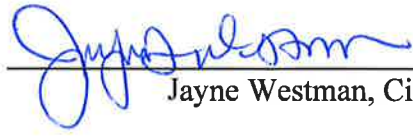
**Reynolds MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 P.M., seconded by Barrentine. The Motion Carried (6-0).**



Brett L. Wittner, Mayor Pro Tem

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Jayne Westman, City Clerk